

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/709,512

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment after Non-Final Rejection filed 5/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-12, 14, 16-20, 22-29 and 31-44 renumbered 1-39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 08/21/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 5/21/2007.

Dependent **claim 31** is incorrectly amended to refer to a **cancelled claim 30**. **Claims 1, 12, 20, 29 and 37** are amended by including additional limitations. **Claims 5, 13, 15, 21 and 30** are cancelled. **Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14, 16-20, 22-29 and 31-44** are now pending in the present application.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frederick D. Bailey, registration number 42,282, on 7/19/2007 (14:20 EST).

The claims have been amended as follows:

In claim 6, replace "The method of claim 5" to – The method of claim 1 --

In claim 7, replace "The method of claim 5" to – The method of claim 1 --

In claim 8, replace "The method of claim 5" to – The method of claim 1 --

In claim 16, replace "The method of claim 15" to – The method of claim 12 --

In claim 17, replace "The method of claim 15" to – The method of claim 12 --

In claim 18, replace "The method of claim 15" to – The method of claim 12 --

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In claim 31, replace "The method of claim 30" to – The method of claim 29 --

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14, 16-20, 22-29 and 31-44 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement for reasons for allowance:

Consider independent **claims 1, 12, 20, 29, and 37**. The best prior art (**Burritt et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0235509 A1)**) found during examination of the present application, does not explicitly disclose (paragraph 0029, lines 14-17) the amended feature "discontinuing to record the conference and replaying the recording of the conference to the disconnected participant rejoining the conference" of claim 1 as disclosed in the applicant's specification (Figs 3B and 4, paragraphs 0029-0032) or similarly worded features in the remaining independent claims **12, 20, 29, and 37**.

Therefore **claims 1, 12, 20, 29, and 37** are considered novel and non-obvious.

Claims 2-4, 6-11, 14, 16-19, 22-28, 31-36 and 38-44 are allowed because of their dependency on allowable independent **claims 1, 12, 20, 29, and 37**.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US Patent Application Publication # 2002/0191952 A1, inventors: Fiore et al.,
filed: 04/09/2002

US Patent Application Publication # 2002/0172498 A1, inventors: Esenyan et al.,
filed: 11/16/2001

US Patent Publication # 5,930,446, inventor: Kanda, issued: 07/27/1999

US Patent Publication # 5,808,662, inventors: Kinney et al., filed: 11/08/1995

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1768. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.


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